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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A genius is a talented person who does his homework" - Thomas Edison

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

My Fellow Coinhuskers,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write his introductory letter.

My name is Jim Crosby. I have been a collector since 1950 and a dealer since 1961. For those of you who don't know me, my wife and I owned and operated THE HOBBY HOUSE in Albion for 36 years. Since retiring we have kept the name and phone number and continue to do business at our home address.

My first love in the coin business has always been type coins. I urge people to consider that as part of their collecting portfolio.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank Cathy Taysen and the rest of the board for a job well done in the past year. Because of their dedicated efforts the N.N.A. had another good year.

As the year progresses, feel free to contact me with any constructive ideas that would strengthen the N.N.A. My address and email is as follows.

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NEWS

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA REFLECTED IN MONEY MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Following the trails being laid down by the new American Buffalo commemorative dollar—launched May 4—the spirit of the Native American West will come alive this July in the first exhibit to grace the newly renovated Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The massive display, entitled "Proud Spirits—American Indians, Bison and U.S. Money," is produced by the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and is inspired by James Earle Fraser, the famed sculptor of the ever-popular Buffalo/Indian Head nickel that was minted from 1913 to 1938.

Fraser's designs, forever influenced by his youthful days in the fast-developing West of the late 19th century, also grace the new commemorative silver dollar that began rolling off the presses today following first-strike ceremonies at the United States Mint in Denver. Sales of the coin, sponsored by Colorado's United States Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and ANA member U.S. Representative Frank Lucas, will help fund the opening and endowment of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

"President Theodore Roosevelt, who was infatuated with the American West through his own experiences, sought to spur the Mint to issue coins worthy of a great nation, in effect to make better calling cards for the United States," says H. Robert Campbell, president of the ANA, a nonprofit, 30,000-member, educational organization chartered by Congress. "The exhibition at the ANA's Money Museum not only will

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showcase Fraser's contributions, including the nickel and the new commemorative coin, but also tell the story of America's money and how it was influenced by its native people and animals."

The Money Museum exhibit will describe the creation of Fraser's nickel, the demands of the then-new vending-machine industry, the three Indian chiefs who sat as models—Iron Tail, a Sioux; Big Tree, a Kiowa; and Two Moons, a Cheyenne—and Black Diamond, a bison at the Bronx Zoo. The exhibit also will show:

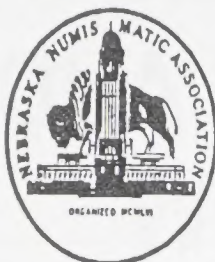
- Images of native Americans on Colonial coins and paper money, and Civil War tokens
- The function of Indian Peace medals
- The story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and their guide Sacagawea, whose image appears on the new golden dollar coin
- The medals created for the Choctaw and Navajo Code Talkers of World Wars I and II, respectively
- Jim Thorpe's posthumously awarded Olympic gold medals
- Modern-day gaming tokens from tribal casinos.

The ANA Money Museum, on the Colorado College campus at 818 North Cascade Avenue in Colorado Springs, currently is undergoing a multimillion-dollar renovation and will re-open to the public on July 14. When the renovation is completed, the ANA showcase will be one of the world's largest museums of its kind, stimulating visitors' interest in numismatics with intriguing windows on the worlds of history, art, geography, religion, economics, sociology and architecture.

The ANA Money Museum will remain free and open to the public six days a week, except holidays. To make arrangements for group tours or request more information call 719/632-2646; or visit the ANA web site (www.money.org), where visitors can see the construction project in progress.

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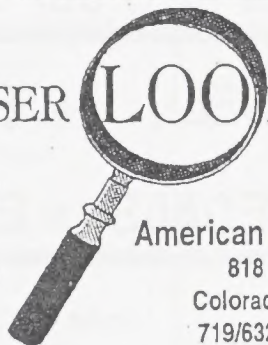
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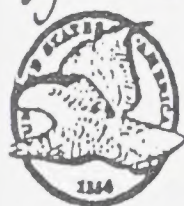


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In the year 2006, the United States Mints will strike for a ten week period a quarter bearing the Nebraska reverse side. A design for the Nebraska reverse has not yet been selected. The Fremont Coin Club at its Annual Show, May 6, 2001 at the Fremont City Auditorium, will sponsor an unofficial contest for possible designs for the Nebraska Quarter. The purpose of the contest will be to foster an appreciation for numismatics (coin collecting) and to foster an appreciation for coinage as an art form. The contest will be opened to youth and five selected entries will be forward to the Governor's Office after judging is completed.

(1) The contest is opened to all boys and girls in the following age groups: (a) 8-10 years old, (b) 11-13 years old; (c) 14-16 years old; and (d) 17-18 years old.

(2) The proposed design must fit inside a circle of exactly 7 inches in diameter. Designs must be submitted on white paper not exceeding 9 x 12 inches and must be done in a black and white medium such as pencil, ink or charcoal. Entries with colors can not be judged, as coins are a monochromatic medium.

(3) The design must allow room for the state name, Nebraska, the date, 2006 and the Latin motto: E PLURIBUS UNUM.

(4) Designs will be judged for originality, artistic creativity, pertinence to areas that may include but are not necessarily restricted to Nebraska's history, geology, ethnic diversity and cultures, famous personages or events.

(5) Mail in entries must be received by the Fremont Coin Club, 517 N. Main Street, Fremont NE 68025, not later than September 1st, 2001. Entries may also be submitted in person at the Fremont Coin Club's monthly meetings. The Fremont Coin Club meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Free Evangelical Church, 20th & Lincoln. Anyone with an interest in numismatics is invited to attend.

(6) The designs submitted will remain the intellectual properties of the individual contestants. However, copies of all submitted entries will be forwarded to the Governor of Nebraska and none will be returned.

(7) The decisions of the judges will be final. Coin related prizes will be awarded to selected drawings from each age group.

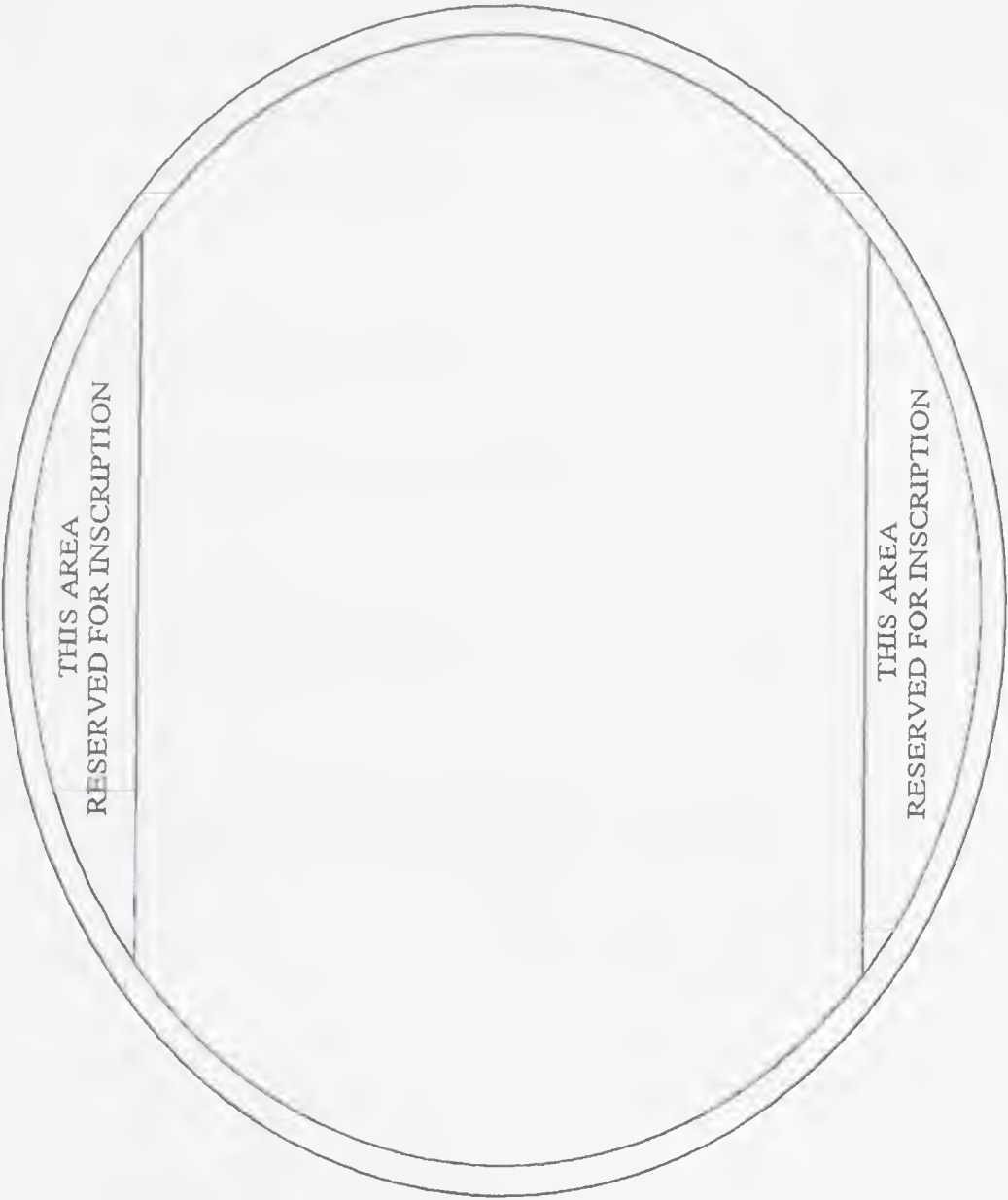
(8) The competition is unofficial and is sponsored solely by the Fremont Coin Club for the entertainment and education of the contestants. The United States Mint, the State of Nebraska, or any commissions, present or future have no connection with the sponsors.

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THE CENT IN SIX METALS

by Bill Jones

Money Talks Transcript No. 1549

Broadcast September 10, 1998

Are you aware that the cent, or "penny," has been made of six different alloys during the two centuries it has been issued.

Our nation's first cents weighed more than the modern half dollar and were only slightly smaller in diameter. These large coins officially were made of pure copper, but some of these coins contain trace amounts of other metals, including silver and gold.

By the mid 1850s, the price of copper had risen to a point where it was not cost effective to issue the large cent. In 1857 the first small one-cent pieces were introduced. These cents, which were thicker than our present-day version, were made mostly of copper. But they also contained nickel, which gave them a distinctive, white color and the nickel name.

During the Civil War, private merchants issued large numbers of tokens that circulated widely through out the North. Many of these pieces were about half the size of the U.S. cent which led officials to conclude that a lighter coin might be acceptable. In 1864 the Mint introduced the bronze cent, which was 95 percent copper and 5 percent zinc. The new, bronze coin was less susceptible to corrosion than the copper cents.

The Mint continued to issue the bronze cent until the outbreak of World War II. During the war, the cent was made from metal salvaged from old shell casings.

After the war, the bronze cent and returned until 1982. When the Mint found that it cost \$1.10 to make a dollar's worth of cents. Several materials were considered before a zinc coin with a thin, copper coating was selected.

Today's cent may well be the last of its kind. You can't buy much with a "penny" these days, and the coin is used mostly to collect sales taxes and reduce the price of those ten-dollar items to a more reasonable nine ninety-nine.

This has been "Money Talks." Today's program was written by Bill Jones and underwritten by Whitman Coin Products, a division of Golden Books, providing a choice of products for all levels of collecting. This is a production of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, America's coin club for over a century.

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Have You Noticed Anything New?

Just look at Flip as he greets you to the new site with a flip of his flipper! We have been doing some major remodeling and even some rebuilding. We hope you like our new look. You will find it much easier to move around our site and find your favorite games, cartoons, coin news, and all that other good stuff.

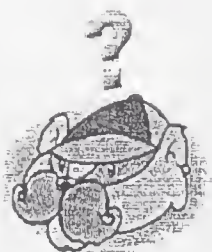


In addition, you will notice something very "moving" about the new look. The characters are a bit more animated in their actions as they flip coins, jump rope, and cook marshmallows over a fire. See how many actions you can find on the new site. You will be surprised at all the stuff they are up to. And this is just the beginning. Your favorite HPC pals are going to start getting a lot more active and will begin to "move" around the site regularly. So keep your eyes peeled, you never know where they will turn up next. But in the meantime, we hope you enjoy the new look, neater page layout, new content, new games, new features, new everything. Make sure you tell all your friends to check us out, too!

Categorize That Coin *What's What: A Guide to All Kinds of Coins*

There are many kinds of coins to collect. Here's a quick and easy guide.

- **Circulating Coins** - These are the kind you find in your pocket change. They're everyday dimes, nickels, quarters, fifty-cent pieces, and Golden Dollars too.
- **Proof Coins** - Highly polished and manufactured using a special process, these coins are called "proofs" because they were originally made to "prove" the design was correct.
- **Commemorative Coins** - Issued to honor special people or events, these coins feature very interesting designs. Two examples are the 1926 Oregon Trail Memorial Half-Dollar, made to honor the pioneers who moved west across America, and the 1946 Booker T. Washington Memorial Half-Dollar, struck to honor this famous African American teacher. And although both of these coins were half-dollars, commemorative coins can be minted in a variety of denominations.
- **Bullion Coins** - Produced by varying mints around the world, the



value of these coins is directly related to the amount of silver, gold, or platinum they contain. The U.S. Mint produces American Eagle Bullion Coins.

Making Change

A Series On How A Coin is Made, From Start To Finish

There are many kinds of coins to collect. Here's a quick and easy guide.

Part I

First things first...Congress Decides

Before any coin is made, there has to be a need for it. Who decides if another penny or nickel is needed or if commemorative coins should be struck? Congress.

As you know, Congress is the group of people from every state who work together in Washington, D.C., to make our laws. And one of their more fun jobs is deciding who or what should be on a new coin.

A Medal for Peanuts!

Sometimes the Mint asks Congress for a new coin, like the Sacagawea Golden Dollar that just came out last year. Sometimes, a congressman or congresswoman will request a new coin or medal. One recent example of this is the medal that California representative Diane Feinstein just sponsored for her state's famous cartoonist, Charles Schultz (the father of the comic strip, "Peanuts").

Most New Coins Are For Commemorating

Most requests for new coins are for commemoratives coins, which are special coins struck to honor a particular person, place or event. There are usually two commemorative coins struck a year.

The next two commemorative coins to be minted will be the American Buffalo Commemorative Coin and the 2002 Winter Olympic Gold and Silver Commemorative Coin.

The latest commemorative coin, the Capitol Visitor Center Commemorative Coins, honors the bicentennial of the first meeting of Congress at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. (available now).

What Will It Look Like?

After Congress has decided which coins to make, they hold a contest for the best design. Artists and sculptors from all over the country are invited to send in their ideas. Sometimes many different designs are



submitted. Congress chooses one, and then the next stage of the coin making begins.

Want to know how an artist designs a coin?

Look for the next installment: The Coin Is Designed.

50 State Quarters Program - What's New!

As you may already know, the U.S. Mint has been running a special program to honor every American state with its own special quarter! About every 10 weeks, the Mint strikes a new coin - producing five of these new quarters each year.



The coins are being struck in the order in which the states entered the Union, beginning with Delaware (the first state to sign the Constitution) and ending with Hawaii (the last to join the Union).

The class of 2001 Coins include state quarters from:

- New York, featuring the Statue of Liberty
- North Carolina, honoring the first airplane flight in Kitty Hawk, NC
- Rhode Island, showing a sailboat gliding through Narragansett Bay
- Vermont, displaying a tree being tapped for Maple syrup
- Kentucky, featuring a race horse in front of the stately Federal Mansion.

They're really cool coins. So be sure to look for them in your change throughout the year and see how many you can find. To learn more about this program. [click here](#).

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 46th Annual Nebraska Numismatic Association Convention was held at the Marina Inn in South Sioux City, NE. This was the first time in the history of the N.N.A. the convention was held in South Sioux City.

The Siouxland Coin Club and Chairman John Jackson did a great job of hosting the show, that had over 50 dealer tables.

New officers for the next term are: President; Jim Crosby of Albion, 1st Vice-President; M.F. Rumbaugh of Grand Island, and 2nd Vice-President; Francis McGovern of Omaha.

At the next election members will vote on adding the Secretary-treasurer as a member of the executive board.

The 2002 convention will be hosted by the Platte Valley Coin Club, which will be held in Grand Island. Fremont Coin Club will host the 2004 convention. The N.N.A. will ask the Omaha Coin Club to host the 2003 convention.

The Omaha Coin Club has asked to host the 2005 convention and the Fremont has asked to host the 2009 convention. The decision of these dates will be determined at a future convention.

It was brought up at the business meeting that clubs must ask the N.N.A. to provide Best of Show Plaques at least a month before their local show. There is no cost to the local clubs, but they must request the plaques.

Statewide Meeting Nights

Fremont – Fremont Coin Club, 3rd Saturday, The Evangelical Free Church Social Hall,
20th & Lincoln Streets, 7:30 PM

Grand Island – Grand Island Coin Club, 1st Monday, Blue Flame Room, Gas Company

Lincoln – Lincoln Coin Club, 2nd Thursday, Lee's Chicken, on W. Van Dorn, 7:30 PM

Nebraska City – Nebraska City Coin Club, 3rd Tuesday in Jan, Feb, May, Sept, Nov,
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Omaha – Omaha Coin Club, 3rd Friday, New Cassel Retire Center's Auditorium,
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Omaha – SAC/Midwest Coin Club Coin Club, 1st Tuesday, Denny's Restaurant, 84th &
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Scottsbluff – Oregon Trail Coin Club, 2nd Wednesday, McDonald's Office,
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South Sioux City – Siouxland coin Club, write for information; 901 S. Cecelia,
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Seward – Nebraska Token Collectors Club, 2nd Sunday, Cattle National Bank 2:00 PM

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